

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 282**

January 22, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires salary dispute and whole number dispute hearings for deputies and assistants employed by chancery courts, the county clerks and the clerks of the probate, criminal, circuit and special courts to be set within 90 days. Restricts the use of discovery during dispute proceedings. Limits attorneys' fees for such petitions to \$15,000, unless good cause is accepted by the court.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the language of this legislation, salary disputes to be set within 90 days and discovery for petitions limited to:
  - Materials and proof available to officials at the time of the budget presentation; and
  - Materials and proof used by the budget committee, county commission, or mayor to rebut or decline the award of a salary increase.
- Further, any discovery or petition for additional discovery must be submitted within 15 days of filing.
- The limitations and requirements presented in this legislation are not expected to have a substantial effect on the total number of disputes, nor the outcomes; therefore, there will not be a significant impact to local government expenditures.
- This legislation further limits attorneys' fees for such petitions to \$15,000, unless good cause is accepted by the court. It is assumed this will not significantly impact the amount or number of payouts for petitions and ruling cases.
- Any impact to local government expenditures resulting from this provision will be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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